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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/802,800  
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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Election of Species requirement dated October 12, 2005, the Applicant provisionally elects with traverse the species of Group I corresponding to Figures 1-11 and identifies Claims 1-3, 5, and 6 as readable on the provisionally elected species.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the election requirement based on MPEP § 803, which states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area.

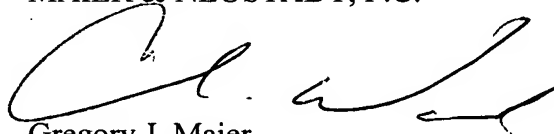
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dated October 12, 2005

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding election requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single species be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-6 be conducted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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